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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4,6,8,9,12,13 and 15-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4,6,8,9,12,13 and 15-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2-4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 15-34 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 15-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by NOKIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS (WO 96/36146).

Regarding claims 9, 15, 17, 20, 22-25, 28, 29 and 33, Nokia discloses a method of transferring information between a transmitting entity and a receiving entity (figure 1). The coding scheme used in the system is known in the receiver and transmitter and transmission sent from each of these elements represent this fact (page 5, lines 17-33). Data is encoded in the transmitter and transmitted to a receiver (page 5, lines 17-33). If the receiver cannot decode a segment of the transmission, a segmentation indicator (frame number) is transmitted to the transmitter (page 2, lines 7-30). Upon receiving an indication that data was not properly received, the transmitter can use a more efficient channel coding scheme ^{that} can be used for the connection (page 5, lines 17-33).

Retransmission of the data received in error is sent using this new channel coding scheme (page 2, lines 19-30). The received data is stored in the receiver to allow the data to be decoded.

Regarding claim 13, indication of the channel quality is sent to the transmitter (column 4, lines 3-21).

Regarding claim 16, the received data is decoded in the receiver.

Regarding claim 26, Nokia discloses retransmitting the data fewer times if the channel quality is sufficient (page 3, lines 9-14).

Regarding claim 27, Nokia discloses using a more efficient channel coding scheme to transmit and retransmit data free of errors (page 5, lines 17-33).

Regarding claims 2-4, 6, 8, 18, 19, 21, 30-32, 34, Nokia discloses using a more efficient coding scheme if the quality of the connection falls below a certain threshold (page 5, lines 17-33). The threshold is determined by the number of retransmission requests (page 5, lines 8-10).

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